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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL:	Oct. 1956	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1956
Anthracite Production (net tons).....*	3,045	2,258	2,671
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....*	47,880	41,825	40,320
Construction Contracts ($).....*	1,706,406	1,862,692	2,024,794
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....	136,379	127,765	112,434
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....	113,353	134,844	104,486
Industrial Production (FRB)1947-49=100	145.0	143.0	145.0
Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100	108.2	108.7	107.5
Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100	167.7	161.1	165.3
Newsprint Production (net tons).....	736,115	680,613	654,560
Newsprint Shipments (net tons).....	731,845	688,534	669,754
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....*	N. A.	6,965	6,933
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....	62,800	70,800	55,300
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....	132,837	135,384	112,115
Steel Ingot Production (net tons)....*	11,032	10,501	10,423
Zinc Production (net tons).....	93,493	89,449	90,235
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....	84,991	85,770	73,142
	Sept. 1956	**Sept. 1955**	**Aug. 1956**
Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,459	6,407	5,615
Cotton Consumption (bales).....	822,180	873,738	686,275
Electricity Production (kw-hours)....†	55,649	53,170	58,576
Lead Production prim. (net tons).....	53,530	50,453	48,404
Lead Shipments prim. (net tons).....	47,519	46,250	48,404
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units)..	275,555	559,962	503,276
Tires - Production (units).....*	7,800	9,125	8,050
Tires - Shipments (units).....*	6,952	8,453	8,644
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	34,200	35,200	40,900
	Aug. 1956	**Aug. 1955**	**July 1956**
Cement Production (barrels).....*	30,055	27,861	29,498
Cement Shipments (barrels).....*	33,324	31,580	31,333
Cigarette Production (units).....†	37,560	36,760	31,032
Gasoline Production (barrels).....*	125,142	119,601	123,229
Petroleum Production (barrels).....*	223,046	206,604	219,805
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....*	247,851	234,966	248,439

FINANCIAL:	Oct. 1956	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1956
Bank Debits, Total U. S. ($).....†	193,140	175,779	167,154
Bank Debits, N. Y. C. ($).....†	70,794	67,568	61,223
Bank Debits, Outside N.Y.C. ($).....†	122,346	108,212	105,931
Bond Sales, N.Y. Stock Ex. ($).....*	76,880	83,974	37,227
Bond Sales, nm. Stock Ex. ($).....*	1,550	2,120	1,230
Bond Sales, Municipal ($).....*	616,460	925,818	335,930
Fire Losses ($).....*	81,121	58,778	70,118
Life Insurance Sales ($).....†	4,792	3,679	4,140
Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares)..*	40,342	42,178	73,740
Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares)...*	15,410	15,720	15,730
	Sept. 1956	**Sept. 1955**	**Aug. 1956**
Merchandise Exports U. S. ($).....*	1,541,000	1,256,600	1,517,000
Merchandise Imports U. S. ($).....*	1,012,000	946,000	1,049,100
Railway Earnings, Gross ($).....*	874,850	876,682	907,294
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. ($)...*	97,428	103,692	103,591
Retail Sales ($).....†	15,700	15,900	16,300
Wholesale Sales ($).....†	10,500	10,700	11,100
Manufacturing Sales ($).....†	27,800	27,600	27,900
Retail Inventories ($).....†	23,500	23,300	23,500
Wholesale Inventories ($).....†	13,100	12,200	12,800
Manufacturing Inventories ($).....†	49,600	44,300	49,100

(*) 000 Omitted. (†) 000,000 Omitted.

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities— October 1956 and 1955

(Thousands of dollars)

	OCT. 1956	OCT. 1955	% Change	SEPT. 1956
Boston.....	3,340,350	2,863,373	+ 16.7	2,631,323
Philadelphia.....	5,855,000	4,962,000	+ 18.0	4,848,000
Buffalo.....	640,010	577,619	+ 10.8	550,823
Pittsburgh.....	2,160,182	1,853,308	+ 16.6	1,800,429
Cleveland.....	2,733,549	2,402,819	+ 13.8	2,179,370
Cincinnati.....	1,322,151	1,168,928	+ 13.1	1,130,527
Baltimore.....	1,651,691	1,455,606	+ 13.5	1,336,147
Richmond.....	1,016,003	960,500	+ 5.8	869,093
Atlanta.....	1,833,100	1,683,700	+ 8.9	1,543,500
New Orleans.....	977,253	795,279	+ 22.9	809,491
Memphis.....	843,701	702,331	+ 20.1	589,886
Chicago.....	5,122,416	4,502,378	+ 13.8	4,378,056
Detroit.....	3,276,874	3,094,764	+ 5.9	2,824,235
St. Louis.....	1,834,991	1,649,627	+ 11.2	1,493,498
Louisville.....	934,409	841,730	+ 11.0	788,822
Minneapolis.....	1,897,990	1,695,678	+ 11.9	1,594,620
Kansas City.....	1,906,164	1,709,076	+ 11.5	1,625,172
Omaha.....	714,697	684,202	+ 4.5	595,629
Denver.....	865,169	748,351	+ 15.6	767,935
Dallas.....	2,030,404	1,859,061	+ 9.2	1,723,275
Houston.....	1,877,874	1,687,302	+ 11.3	1,597,553
Los Angeles.....	3,812,073	3,524,046	+ 8.2	3,455,937
San Francisco.....	3,045,694	2,683,276	+ 13.5	2,632,889
Portland, Ore.....	884,798	831,409	+ 6.2	869,446
Seattle.....	902,680	798,662	+ 13.0	798,221
Total 25 Cities....	51,479,223	45,737,025	+ 12.6	43,433,877
New York.....	48,710,578	44,904,702	+ 8.5	41,832,079
Total 26 Cities....	100,189,801	90,641,727	+ 10.5	85,265,956

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities— 10 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	10 MONTHS 1956	10 MONTHS 1955	% Change	10 MONTHS 1954
Boston.....	29,234,721	26,764,188	+ 9.2	25,183,088
Philadelphia.....	53,745,000	49,732,000	+ 8.1	46,758,000
Buffalo.....	5,909,502	5,515,233	+ 7.1	4,953,676
Pittsburgh.....	19,519,231	17,438,372	+ 11.9	15,737,701
Cleveland.....	24,206,507	21,658,529	+ 11.8	19,053,356
Cincinnati.....	12,125,066	11,193,022	+ 8.3	10,309,867
Baltimore.....	15,235,467	14,057,056	+ 8.4	12,634,805
Richmond.....	8,414,524	8,000,421	+ 5.2	7,435,165
Atlanta.....	16,078,342	15,382,700	+ 4.5	13,552,200
New Orleans.....	8,537,448	7,740,945	+ 10.3	7,136,681
Memphis.....	5,793,858	5,299,890	+ 9.3	5,056,030
Chicago.....	47,665,159	43,594,052	+ 9.3	39,714,866
Detroit, Mich.....	31,826,979	30,064,461	+ 5.9	25,806,824
St. Louis.....	15,994,129	15,315,554	+ 4.4	14,354,007
Louisville.....	8,379,456	7,862,183	+ 6.6	7,040,784
Minneapolis.....	15,311,337	15,283,552	+ 0.7	14,273,450
Kansas City.....	17,219,584	16,702,853	+ 3.1	15,386,249
Omaha.....	6,440,833	6,411,846	+ 0.5	6,608,502
Denver.....	7,819,970	7,051,007	+ 10.9	6,199,123
Dallas.....	18,820,245	17,900,413	+ 5.1	15,952,039
Houston.....	17,256,611	15,870,522	+ 8.7	13,820,392
Los Angeles.....	38,729,641	35,429,832	+ 9.3	30,051,852
San Francisco.....	27,997,185	25,930,329	+ 8.0	22,845,229
Portland, Ore.....	8,301,660	7,682,537	+ 8.1	6,778,792
Seattle.....	8,198,412	7,836,786	+ 4.6	7,026,029
Total 25 Cities....	469,760,877	435,718,283	+ 7.8	393,738,987
New York.....	461,735,178	436,763,614	+ 5.7	436,021,910
Total 26 Cities....	931,496,055	872,481,897	+ 6.8	829,760,897

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1953 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

	Total 26 United States Cities 1956	1955	1954	1953	New York City 1956	1955	1954	1953	Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C. 1956	1955	1954	1953
January.....	96,104	87,462	80,946	79,037	47,789	45,004	42,599	39,082	48,314	42,458	38,347	39,955
February.....	82,375	80,589	76,130	68,623	39,550	42,646	40,866	33,899	42,825	37,943	35,264	34,724
March.....	95,734	95,249	90,883	83,913	49,167	49,403	47,723	41,689	46,568	45,846	43,160	42,224
April.....	91,068	83,559	82,815	79,149	45,033	41,673	43,437	39,190	46,035	41,887	39,378	39,959
May.....	96,905	86,047	79,771	75,787	48,884	42,099	42,435	37,671	48,020	43,948	37,336	38,116
June.....	96,069	91,966	89,211	86,121	48,957	46,545	47,566	41,717	47,062	45,421	41,645	40,404
July.....	94,463	83,362	83,729	80,394	46,341	41,017	44,207	39,930	48,122	42,345	39,522	40,464
August.....	93,323	86,995	82,817	71,871	45,442	41,453	43,345	34,435	47,882	45,543	39,472	37,436
September.....	85,266	86,612	80,283	77,912	41,832	42,020	40,710	39,003	43,434	44,592	39,573	38,909
October.....	100,190	90,642	83,176	80,716	48,711	44,905	43,134	39,967	51,479	45,737	40,042	40,749
November.....	.....	88,603	84,476	75,948	.....	43,333	43,079	37,535	.....	45,270	41,397	38,413
December.....	.....	97,510	98,823	88,142	.....	50,787	52,928	46,171	.....	46,724	45,895	41,971
Total.....	.....	1,058,596	1,013,060	943,613	.....	530,883	532,029	470,289	.....	527,712	481,031	473,324

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1953 to Date

	Number of Failures 1956	1955	1954	1953	Current Liabilities (000 Omitted) 1956	1955	1954	1953	Total Liabilities (000 Omitted) 1956	1955	1954	1953
January.....	1,048	939	867	647	$42,890	$37,872	$29,592	$23,309	$43,712	$39,000	$29,906	$23,760
February.....	1,024	877	926	691	49,189	42,056	47,774	27,273	49,436	42,194	47,909	27,525
March.....	1,170	1,038	1,102	739	42,622	41,209	57,280	31,082	43,843	41,289	57,746	31,584
April.....	985	903	975	693	41,871	35,968	42,512	27,520	42,666	36,299	43,160	28,152
May.....	1,164	955	943	697	59,901	34,714	38,494	32,789	60,334	34,840	39,068	33,032
June.....	1,105	914	965	817	43,013	36,667	41,613	32,379	43,293	37,171	41,615	32,454
July.....	1,018	861	856	724	48,689	32,543	32,230	39,830	48,713	32,706	32,725	40,334
August.....	1,101	888	912	700	55,040	36,028	32,582	28,529	55,363	36,425	32,712	30,194
September.....	932	822	819	686	39,313	33,120	36,381	33,817	39,820	33,348	37,757	34,050
October.....	1,158	919	871	840	50,004	34,777	29,000	37,076	50,343	34,777	29,308	37,298
November.....	...	945	933	815	.....	42,783	35,067	36,795	.....	43,073	36,780	36,996
December.....	...	908	917	813	.....	41,643	40,103	43,754	.....	42,008	40,925	45,088
Total.....	...	10,969	11,086	8,862	.....	$449,380	$462,628	$394,153	.....	$453,130	$469,611	$400,467

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

Group:	Oct. 1956	Sept. 1956	Aug. 1956	Oct. 1955
ALL COMMODITIES	115.5	115.5	114.7	111.6
Farm Products	88.4	90.1	89.1	86.8
Processed Foods	103.6	104.0	102.6	100.2
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods	123.6	123.1	122.5	119.0
Textile Products and Apparel	95.4	94.8	94.8	95.4
Hides, Skins and Leather Products	99.6	100.2	100.0	95.3
Fuel, Power and Lighting Materials	111.6	111.1	110.9	108.0
Chemicals and Allied Products	107.7	107.1	107.3	106.5
Rubber and Rubber Products	145.8	145.7	146.9	147.8
Lumber and Wood Products	122.0	123.6	125.2	125.4
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	128.0	127.9	127.9	122.8
Metals and Metal Products	152.1	151.9	150.2	142.4
Machinery and Motive Products	140.9	139.7	137.7	131.4
Furniture, Other Household Durables	120.6	119.7	119.1	116.9
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural	131.5	131.1	130.8	126.8
Tobacco Mfrs. & Bottled Beverages	123.1	122.8	122.5	121.7
Miscellaneous	89.2	89.9	91.1	91.5

United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

Group:	Oct. 1956	Sept. 1956	Aug. 1956	Oct. 1955
ALL ITEMS	117.7	117.1	116.8	114.9
Food	113.1	113.1	113.1	110.8
Housing	122.8	122.5	122.2	120.8
Apparel	106.8	106.5	105.5	104.6
Transportation	132.6	128.6	128.5	126.6
Medical Care	134.1	134.0	133.3	128.7
Personal Care	120.8	120.5	120.3	117.0
Reading and Recreation	108.5	108.4	107.9	106.7
Other Goods and Services	123.0	122.7	122.1	120.6

United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

	Sept. 1956	Aug. 1956	July 1956	June 1956	Sept. 1955
U. S. (B.L.S.) 1947-49	115.5	114.7	114.0	114.2	111.7
Canada 1935-39	227.4	227.0	226.6	226.5	220.9
Austria 1953	111.0	112.0	111.0	110.0	109.0
Costa Rica 1953	107.0	107.0	106.0	107.0	108.0
Denmark 1953	107.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	104.0
Finland 1953	103.0	103.0	104.0	104.0	99.0
France 1953	102.0	103.0	101.0	102.0	99.0
India 1953	107.0	106.0	104.0	101.0	90.0
Japan 1953	104.0	102.0	101.0	101.0	97.0
Mexico 1953	129.0	129.0	129.0	130.0	127.0
Norway 1953	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	105.0
Switzerland 1953	104.0	104.0	103.0	104.0	101.0
U. K. (Bd. of Tr.) 1953	108.0	107.0	106.0	106.0	107.0
	Aug. 1956	**July 1956**	**June 1956**	**May 1956**	**Aug. 1955**
Australia 1953	113.0	111.0	109.0	108.0	103.0
Belgium 1953	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	101.0
Brazil 1953	....	180.0	176.0	170.0	150.0
Cuba 1953	....	....	97.0	96.0	95.0
Dominican Republic 1953	....	98.0	97.0	97.0	94.0
Germany 1953	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	101.0
Greece 1953	129.0	130.0	131.0	129.0	121.0
Guatemala 1953	100.0	103.0	102.0	103.0	106.0
Italy 1953	101.0	102.0	102.0	103.0	100.0
Lebanon 1953	....	98.0	98.0	99.0	94.0
Morocco, Fr. 1953	....	....	94.0	97.0	92.0
Netherlands 1953	....	103.0	104.0	104.0	101.0
Peru 1953	128.0	127.0	128.0	128.0	120.0
Philipines 1953	97.0	96.0	96.0	96.0	93.0
Portugal 1953	96.0	97.0	97.0	99.0	94.0
Spain 1953	113.0	112.0	113.0	113.0	105.0
Sweden 1953	109.0	109.0	110.0	109.0	104.0
Turkey 1953	....	136.0	144.0	143.0	119.0
Union South Africa 1953	105.0	104.0	105.0	105.0	102.0
Venezuela 1953	101.0	100.0	100.0	101.0	104.0

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1954 to Date

1956		1955		1954	
Jan. 3	$5.95	Jan. 4	$6.75	Jan. 5	$6.85
Jan. 10	5.92	Jan. 11	6.81	Jan. 12	7.03
Jan. 17	5.86	Jan. 18	6.84	Jan. 19	6.96
Jan. 24	5.89	Jan. 25	6.88	Jan. 26	7.02
Jan. 31	5.95	Feb. 1	6.85	Feb. 2	7.01
Feb. 7	5.90	Feb. 8	6.77	Feb. 9	7.09
Feb. 14	5.94	Feb. 15	6.69	Feb. 16	7.11
Feb. 21	5.93	Feb. 22	6.65	Feb. 23	7.20
Feb. 28	5.95	Mar. 1	6.63	Mar. 2	7.21
Mar. 6	5.94	Mar. 8	6.55	Mar. 9	7.25
Mar. 13	5.96	Mar. 15	6.53	Mar. 16	7.27
Mar. 20	5.93	Mar. 22	6.55	Mar. 23	7.34
Mar. 27	5.89	Mar. 29	6.52	Mar. 30	7.42
Apr. 3	5.96	Apr. 5	6.49	Apr. 6	7.40
Apr. 10	5.96	Apr. 12	6.54	Apr. 13	7.35
Apr. 17	6.01	Apr. 19	6.52	Apr. 20	7.41
Apr. 24	6.04	Apr. 26	6.42	Apr. 27	7.39
May 1	6.04	May 3	6.38	May 4	7.38
May 8	6.03	May 10	6.39	May 11	7.31
May 15	6.14	May 17	6.37	May 18	7.39
May 22	6.11	May 24	6.34	May 25	7.46
May 29	6.11	May 31	6.33	June 1	7.38
June 5	6.18	June 7	6.39	June 8	7.36
June 12	6.14	June 14	6.51	June 15	7.23
June 19	6.09	June 21	6.49	June 22	7.28
June 26	6.03	June 28	6.42	June 29	7.30
July 3	6.05	July 5	6.33	July 6	7.22
July 10	6.06	July 12	6.26	July 13	7.23
July 17	6.04	July 19	6.17	July 20	7.23
July 24	6.08	July 26	6.17	July 27	7.14
July 31	6.08	Aug. 2	6.21	Aug. 3	7.10
Aug. 7	6.10	Aug. 9	6.24	Aug. 10	7.10
Aug. 14	6.08	Aug. 16	6.23	Aug. 17	7.07
Aug. 21	6.09	Aug. 23	6.21	Aug. 24	6.89
Aug. 28	6.04	Aug. 30	6.15	Aug. 31	6.65
Sept. 4	6.05	Sept. 6	6.19	Sept. 7	6.70
Sept. 11	6.07	Sept. 13	6.26	Sept. 14	6.69
Sept. 18	6.06	Sept. 20	6.25	Sept. 21	6.73
Sept. 25	6.08	Sept. 27	6.28	Sept. 28	6.71
Oct. 2	6.00	Oct. 4	6.17	Oct. 5	6.69
Oct. 9	5.97	Oct. 11	6.11	Oct. 12	6.64
Oct. 16	6.01	Oct. 18	6.08	Oct. 19	6.59
Oct. 23	5.97	Oct. 25	6.05	Oct. 26	6.71
Oct. 30	5.96	Nov. 1	6.02	Nov. 2	6.74
Nov. 6	5.95	Nov. 8	6.00	Nov. 9	6.80
Nov. 13	6.01	Nov. 15	6.04	Nov. 16	6.88
Nov. 20	6.10	Nov. 22	6.02	Nov. 23	6.85
Nov. 27	6.16	Nov. 29	5.99	Nov. 30	6.85
Dec. 4	....	Dec. 6	5.99	Dec. 7	6.83
Dec. 11	....	Dec. 13	5.96	Dec. 14	6.74
Dec. 18	....	Dec. 20	5.96	Dec. 21	6.75
Dec. 25	....	Dec. 27	5.97	Dec. 28	6.78
Average	....	Average	$6.34		$7.50

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930-32=100)

	Nov. 1956	Oct. 1956	Sept. 1956	Aug. 1956	July 1956
1	294.16	297.64	*.....	288.74	†.....
2	294.28	297.29	†.....	289.29	286.70
3	*.....	296.50	*.....	290.93	286.38
4	†.....	296.54	296.58	*.....	*.....
5	294.32	295.90	296.86	†.....	286.98
6	*.....	*.....	298.16	291.47	287.66
7	293.88	†.....	298.53	291.42	*.....
8	294.41	295.89	*.....	291.52	†.....
9	295.07	294.69	†.....	291.69	286.91
10	*.....	294.30	298.38	294.29	287.51
11	†.....	294.27	298.89	*.....	286.59
12	*.....	*.....	298.78	†.....	285.68
13	296.43	*.....	298.91	295.40	285.46
14	296.39	†.....	299.32	295.50	*.....
15	296.49	293.18	*.....	296.35	†.....
16	297.66	293.71	†.....	296.71	286.78
17	*.....	293.98	300.03	297.13	286.87
18	†.....	294.40	299.28	*.....	286.92
19	297.69	294.24	298.90	†.....	286.18
20	298.23	*.....	298.20	296.91	286.82
21	298.49	†.....	298.66	296.78	*.....
22	*.....	294.26	*.....	296.45	†.....
23	300.25	294.31	†.....	296.64	286.51
24	*.....	294.28	298.77	296.56	286.48
25	†.....	293.85	299.25	*.....	287.04
26	300.44	293.87	299.40	†.....	287.08
27	299.96	*.....	298.86	295.87	288.85
28	299.53	†.....	299.02	296.40	*.....
29	.....	293.27	*.....	296.47	†.....
30	.....	293.58	†.....	296.41	288.71
31		293.81		296.98	288.96

(*) Holiday (†) Sunday

	High		Low	
1956	300.44	Nov. 26	278.79	Jan. 17
1955	280.79	Jan. 27	270.68	June 3
1954	279.82	Dec. 28	270.72	June 30
1953	284.18	July 23	274.04	Oct. 8
1952	312.13	Jan. 5	280.05	Dec. 17

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The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	October 1956	October 1955	September 1956
New England:			
Boston, Mass.	$1,792,800	$2,893,350	$6,182,000
Bridgeport, Conn.	634,243	784,000	1,793,660
Bristol, Conn.	378,002	374,550	563,139
Brockton, Mass.	2,820,050	1,583,790	185,400
Cambridge, Mass.	1,035,310	107,275	315,235
Chelsea, Mass.	478,245	27,955	38,065
Everett, Mass.	121,631	129,615	64,032
Fall River, Mass.	146,503	241,700	477,920
Fitchburg, Mass.	728,390	102,770	556,555
Greenwich, Conn.	1,180,510	905,146	1,102,443
Hartford, Conn.	1,277,574	1,508,818	5,850,990
Haverhill, Mass.	202,550	227,250	153,035
Holyoke, Mass.	691,450	187,150	5,923,550
Lawrence, Mass.	149,644	153,275	226,575
Lowell, Mass.	642,730	3,658,030	177,135
Lynn, Mass.	385,035	247,700	1,196,360
Manchester, N. H.	823,795	1,035,131	497,515
Medford, Mass.	170,000	102,726	75,000
New Bedford, Mass.	800,675	287,302	735,175
New Britain, Conn.	1,302,900	334,550	346,650
New Haven, Conn.	1,190,775	500,255	1,236,397
Newton, Mass.	430,045	1,185,036	1,231,575
Norwalk, Conn.	1,035,485	1,196,910	787,324
Portland, Me.	489,354	1,100,444	1,026,795
Providence, R. I.	464,000	420,600	529,450
Quincy, Mass.	266,102	664,207	242,307
Salem, Mass.	179,584	231,983	1,444,475
Somerville, Mass.	629,257	795,070	41,445
Springfield, Mass.	831,678	879,679	638,599
Stamford, Conn.	1,469,146	1,260,635	3,268,073
Waterbury, Conn.	801,500	558,050	1,282,035
West Hartford, Conn.	1,351,101	1,979,131	1,448,815
Worcester, Mass.	895,105	389,580	1,599,987
Total New England	$25,795,169	$26,053,663	$41,239,711
Middle Atlantic:			
Manhattan*	$21,579,464	$23,071,005	$62,605,340
Manhattan†	2,430,350	1,897,925	1,615,187
Bronx*	27,021,794	3,110,000	8,268,400
Bronx†	588,225	491,035	273,125
Brooklyn*	6,918,106	2,958,950	12,434,300
Brooklyn†	1,655,510	2,982,675	821,615
Queens*	9,838,255	5,866,000	7,160,800
Queens†	828,940	1,289,845	1,066,420
Richmond*	1,297,775	1,799,500	2,341,020
Richmond†	93,200	621,040	93,555
Total N. Y. City	$72,251,619	$44,087,975	$96,679,762
(*) New Work. (†) Alterations.			
Albany, N. Y.	$1,615,929	$732,944	$1,407,725
Allentown, Pa.	568,580	469,085	587,315
Altoona, Pa.	232,084	175,960	507,998
Atlantic City, N. J.	76,147	78,145	51,168
Auburn, N. Y.	1,007,900	40,200	149,140
Bayonne, N. J.	109,949	335,900	99,405
Binghamton, N. Y.	275,796	997,701	190,244
Buffalo, N. Y.	1,531,945	976,417	2,395,244
Camden, N. J.	133,328	1,129,705	978,723
East Orange, N. J.	203,683	356,293	205,181
Elizabeth, N. J.	768,586	164,615	1,071,352
Elmira, N. Y.	282,050	98,172	79,908
Erie, Pa.	1,415,845	963,340	731,540
Harrisburg, Pa.	260,701	897,557	876,375
Jamestown, N. Y.	248,565	197,947	232,910
Jersey City, N. J.	2,504,755	279,950	663,600
Lancaster, Pa.	309,461	73,025	215,156
Mount Vernon, N. Y.	245,902	397,234	124,927
Newark, N. J.	4,062,757	358,030	292,969
New Brunswick, N. J.	272,425	110,300	106,600
New Rochelle, N. Y.	1,277,694	412,757	523,945
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	1,642,672	625,032	1,596,201
Philadelphia, Pa.	12,502,470	10,771,190	7,419,540
Pittsburgh, Pa.	4,500,591	2,100,649	4,910,840
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	293,795	111,890	395,450
Reading, Pa.	414,098	573,608	275,426
Rochester, N. Y.	1,546,686	1,129,282	976,115
Schenectady, N. Y.	224,717	184,499	422,498
Scranton, Pa.	285,818	293,420	424,639
Syracuse, N. Y.	907,045	3,396,725	1,140,680
Troy, N. Y.	117,219	254,016	260,259
Utica, N. Y.	1,072,502	425,300	504,125
Watertown, N. Y.	271,473	41,005	96,132
White Plains, N. Y.	3,734,145	1,192,161	170,615
Wilkes Barre, Pa.	174,638	189,285	134,808
Williamsport, Pa.	168,822	131,118	154,805
Wilmington, Dela.	697,334	1,517,739	169,455
Yonkers, N. Y.	1,348,991	2,074,477	16,526,250
York, Pa.	152,060	115,485	64,029
Total Middle Atl.	$119,710,777	$78,460,133	$143,813,654

	October 1956	October 1955	September 1956
South Atlantic:			
Asheville, N. C.	$263,760	$327,360	$658,993
Atlanta, Ga.	3,952,656	3,408,257	3,497,467
Augusta, Ga.	409,770	296,195	689,188
Baltimore, Md.	4,230,842	4,226,334	1,671,028
Charleston, S. C.	154,191	199,276	145,783
Charlotte, N. C.	1,768,456	2,279,876	1,386,941
Coral Gables, Fla.	738,869	865,707	874,298
Greensboro, N. C.	562,300	1,022,356	560,680
Greenville, S. C.	458,418	481,070	296,750
Jacksonville, Fla.	1,097,042	8,703,486	1,068,237
Lynchburg, Va.	325,802	1,213,445	411,910
Macon, Ga.	511,840	193,918	760,076
Miami, Fla.	4,422,970	3,355,738	3,081,105
Miami Beach, Fla.	1,897,248	1,125,784	1,287,480
Norfolk, Va.	1,176,785	1,745,604	1,917,790
Richmond, Va.	2,295,569	1,207,601	1,185,548
Roanoke, Va.	957,481	1,521,384	1,253,594
Savannah, Ga.	375,500	532,698	199,525
Tampa, Fla.	4,069,190	4,824,379	4,122,186
Washington, D. C.	5,405,394	5,486,335	9,842,463
Winston Salem, N. C.	1,238,021	1,418,976	1,124,402
Total So. Atlantic	$36,312,104	$44,435,779	$36,035,444
East Central:			
Akron, Ohio	$3,906,184	$2,927,968	$2,570,000
Bay City, Mich.	258,300	405,050	358,998
Berwyn, Ills.	181,860	309,413	375,380
Bluefield, W. Va.	69,900	56,685	169,106
Canton, Ohio	446,645	661,750	349,825
Chicago, Ills.	20,463,597	25,954,013	29,732,297
Cincinnati, Ohio	8,586,300	4,456,615	3,346,025
Clarksburg, W. Va.	86,660	71,310	188,295
Cleveland, Ohio	4,518,400	4,941,300	4,711,500
Columbus, Ohio	7,426,960	3,651,575	4,282,500
Dayton, Ohio	2,606,270	1,406,308	903,150
Detroit, Mich.	12,032,212	15,044,459	10,033,577
East St. Louis, Ills.	1,207,000	633,850	723,300
Evanston, Ills.	1,110,832	368,960	2,120,516
Evansville, Ind.	268,562	179,972	134,860
Flint, Mich.	1,774,635	4,057,960	1,677,305
Fort Wayne, Ind.	1,577,520	1,258,460	771,352
Gary, Ind.	1,376,560	5,850,445	2,168,588
Grand Rapids, Mich.	991,705	1,359,500	817,780
Green Bay, Wisc.	3,115,739	1,438,799	990,353
Hammond, Ind.	998,610	864,526	1,083,273
Huntington, W. Va.	559,675	410,435	426,726
Indianapolis, Ind.	7,890,597	1,895,906	3,263,089
Lansing, Mich.	1,700,815	1,182,300	1,814,995
Lima, Ohio	140,335	282,135	155,615
Louisville, Ky.	1,252,265	3,131,232	2,638,640
Madison, Wisc.	2,483,085	1,047,230	734,985
Milwaukee, Wisc.	8,796,853	5,812,234	8,733,354
Newark, Ohio	671,670	1,161,395	329,705
Oak Park, Ills.	71,136	35,920	415,140
Peoria, Ills.	941,736	547,031	3,407,554
Pontiac, Mich.	1,086,323	901,846	789,013
Quincy, Ills.	612,007	276,596	410,372
Racine, Wisc.	901,566	1,027,360	738,395
Rockford, Ills.	1,770,355	2,001,100	1,721,265
Saginaw, Mich.	370,116	425,367	680,652
South Bend, Ind.	1,515,735	1,058,109	1,100,610
Springfield, Ills.	2,879,409	364,757	286,968
Springfield, Ohio	420,790	200,785	1,022,098
Superior, Wisc.	185,332	222,031	75,070
Terre Haute, Ind.	72,935	607,065	268,240
Toledo, Ohio	1,563,850	1,816,375	1,524,420
Waukegan, Ills.	1,465,120	670,803	435,212
Wheeling, W. Va.	541,950	179,900	307,736
Youngstown, Ohio	2,007,641	1,644,401	1,487,063
Zanesville, Ohio	66,775	13,255	56,150
Total East Central	$112,992,522	$102,814,486	$100,331,047
South Central:			
Abilene, Texas	$1,523,092	$1,779,278	$1,010,948
Amarillo, Texas	1,413,071	1,080,356	1,456,292
Austin, Texas	4,858,714	4,753,062	5,252,603
Beaumont, Texas	2,566,555	524,596	1,813,213
Birmingham, Ala.	2,875,284	2,959,972	2,463,031
Chattanooga, Tenn.	552,148	354,624	931,564
Dallas, Texas	6,868,552	13,537,975	10,534,867
El Paso, Texas	2,881,883	2,842,883	1,914,825
Fort Smith, Ark.	249,596	323,786	1,184,325
Fort Worth, Texas	3,261,094	6,182,764	3,687,815
Galveston, Texas	123,703	263,880	738,195
Houston, Texas	11,739,825	10,113,767	11,364,100
Jackson, Miss.	1,957,922	1,197,303	780,585
Knoxville, Tenn.	369,854	881,451	907,259
Little Rock, Ark.	562,759	1,205,445	984,849
Memphis, Tenn.	2,625,774	3,486,525	3,991,270
Mobile, Ala.	1,634,259	1,248,367	1,202,547

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	October 1956	October 1955	September 1956
So. Cent. (Cont.)			
Montgomery, Ala.	$973,202	$1,436,825	$1,137,990
Muskogee, Okla.	354,550	105,950	1,331,255
Nashville, Tenn.	4,227,497	464,336	724,653
New Orleans, La.	5,100,385	4,979,253	6,980,430
Oklahoma City, Okla.	3,059,640	1,512,760	4,953,925
Port Arthur, Texas	561,146	634,418	547,849
San Angelo, Texas	374,630	1,311,592	405,556
San Antonio, Texas	4,206,814	4,360,325	3,628,220
Shreveport, La.	3,224,074	2,390,195	1,375,810
Tulsa, Okla.	2,072,990	1,190,450	1,577,610
Waco, Texas	2,061,841	1,011,690	2,276,198
Wichita Falls, Texas	1,042,239	1,022,261	537,457
Total So. Central	$73,323,093	$73,156,089	$75,695,241
West Central:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	$1,762,585	$1,783,560	$813,816
Davenport, Iowa	359,200	824,618	666,875
Des Moines, Iowa	6,141,280	2,305,425	2,869,878
Dubuque, Iowa	215,655	1,804,545	400,989
Duluth, Minn.	754,625	770,879	719,537
Fargo, N. D.	920,150	677,019	872,380
Kansas City, Kas.	861,301	633,638	595,169
Kansas City, Mo.	5,597,000	4,382,000	3,177,000
Lincoln, Nebr.	1,065,106	1,567,987	1,414,659
Minneapolis, Minn.	3,171,341	3,285,884	4,185,811
Omaha, Nebr.	5,274,021	2,436,103	2,080,945
St. Joseph, Mo.	408,691	250,850	169,725
St. Louis, Mo.	2,856,212	5,491,204	2,689,698
St. Paul, Minn.	4,081,344	4,577,736	2,859,609
Sioux City, Iowa	308,647	704,675	821,875
Sioux Falls, S. D.	1,930,692	764,913	694,623
Topeka, Kas.	1,635,725	19,488,575	1,113,080
Wichita, Kas.	2,306,682	2,443,638	2,530,857
Total West Central	$39,656,257	$54,193,249	$26,676,526

	October 1956	October 1955	September 1956
Mountain:			
Albuquerque, N. M.	$1,952,256	$3,274,937	$2,086,191
Billings, Mont.	320,750	506,850	2,463,100
Boise, Idaho	420,639	502,893	326,201
Butte, Mont.	27,053	122,395	113,718
Colorado Springs, Col.	1,582,695	1,621,877	1,035,205
Denver, Col.	15,762,125	10,525,337	5,514,471
Great Falls, Mont.	512,998	632,310	682,784
Ogden, Utah	494,100	870,200	415,400
Phoenix, Ariz.	5,422,720	1,581,633	2,719,080
Pueblo, Col.	505,046	1,032,568	1,287,647
Salt Lake City, Utah	1,775,733	1,698,439	3,522,724
Tucson, Ariz.	3,143,860	494,822	962,675
Total Mountain	$31,920,975	$22,864,261	$21,129,196
Pacific:			
Bakersfield, Cal.	$418,524	$772,744	$1,207,893
Berkeley, Cal.	786,238	607,293	3,300,562
Beverly Hills, Cal.	3,203,085	427,614	1,263,082
Fresno, Cal.	1,175,649	2,180,614	1,089,761
Glendale, Cal.	1,101,588	1,320,952	1,666,882
Long Beach, Cal.	3,014,645	3,956,260	2,737,260
Los Angeles, Cal.	37,433,124	43,471,231	32,444,645
Oakland, Cal.	1,986,975	2,088,309	4,383,000
Pasadena, Cal.	1,069,156	925,376	2,151,452
Portland, Ore.	4,999,585	3,247,555	2,774,985
Sacramento, Cal.	3,293,528	1,306,991	1,188,829
San Diego, Cal.	18,801,760	7,281,729	6,554,818
San Francisco, Cal.	3,916,641	2,855,877	4,309,852
San Jose, Cal.	3,371,055	4,094,570	3,180,385
Seattle, Wash.	7,185,480	3,856,305	7,309,780
Spokane, Wash.	2,279,400	2,838,657	1,596,957
Stockton, Cal.	532,223	2,366,317	1,261,196
Tacoma, Wash.	948,575	1,816,595	892,055
Total Pacific	$95,517,231	$85,415,091	$79,313,394
Total 215 Cities	$535,228,128	$487,392,751	$526,234,213

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	10 MONTHS 1956	10 MONTHS 1955	10 MONTHS 1954
New England:			
Boston, Mass.	$39,801,241	$32,862,736	$26,492,656
Bridgeport, Conn.	13,521,563	9,658,245	6,804,718
Bristol, Conn.	5,644,908	3,932,646	3,792,016
Brockton, Mass.	10,465,813	6,490,279	4,067,417
Cambridge, Mass.	6,537,154	10,798,117	3,473,926
Chelsea, Mass.	878,333	374,447	360,643
Everett, Mass.	1,187,488	3,286,780	1,538,196
Fall River, Mass.	3,505,176	1,877,022	1,468,267
Fitchburg, Mass.	2,924,346	1,524,665	3,399,248
Greenwich, Conn.	13,112,487	14,272,555	12,484,090
Hartford, Conn.	13,847,480	28,583,305	12,099,148
Haverhill, Mass.	1,616,594	2,006,895	1,077,255
Holyoke, Mass.	9,870,840	2,394,375	1,423,075
Lawrence, Mass.	3,224,603	2,004,358	1,183,411
Lowell, Mass.	4,317,064	5,482,980	2,137,165
Lynn, Mass.	3,810,849	2,883,280	3,607,608
Manchester, N. H.	6,519,868	8,286,509	5,067,175
Medford, Mass.	1,424,439	1,828,088	1,443,730
New Bedford, Mass.	5,011,242	3,032,206	2,783,043
New Britain, Conn.	5,375,075	6,369,080	4,295,155
New Haven, Conn.	8,599,905	9,632,194	10,950,451
Newton, Mass.	6,078,928	6,513,075	10,790,646
Norwalk, Conn.	10,359,397	12,682,112	8,683,053
Portland, Me.	6,190,160	5,106,238	3,111,131
Providence, R. I.	14,045,550	6,856,600	4,271,750
Quincy, Mass.	3,617,639	4,031,872	3,905,032
Salem, Mass.	5,125,138	2,554,958	1,382,827
Somerville, Mass.	1,257,159	1,470,065	2,481,950
Springfield, Mass.	12,510,597	13,789,939	12,843,808
Stamford, Conn.	16,465,672	21,476,115	18,896,603
Waterbury, Conn.	10,063,791	7,088,534	5,773,885
West Hartford, Conn.	17,533,093	11,705,204	13,880,893
Worcester, Mass.	7,660,814	17,515,218	9,032,567
Total New England	$272,104,406	$268,370,712	$205,602,538
Middle Atlantic:			
Manhattan.....*	$374,093,515	$228,649,003	$134,629,891
Manhattan.....†	33,745,952	27,063,175	38,641,988
Bronx.....*	74,477,964	64,161,778	36,341,962
Bronx.....†	4,803,345	7,663,813	8,409,530
Brooklyn.....*	88,307,026	78,440,690	76,498,218
Brooklyn.....†	24,034,875	17,174,487	16,999,407
Queens.....*	107,354,270	116,408,034	127,698,488
Queens.....†	13,469,832	11,646,707	11,960,834
Richmond.....*	14,483,629	13,580,255	8,330,084
Richmond.....†	2,687,910	1,789,075	1,554,573
Total New York City.	$737,458,318	$566,577,017	$461,064,975
(*) New Work.	(†) Alterations.		
Albany, N. Y.	$10,369,417	$14,607,378	$5,984,870
Allentown, Pa.	12,729,610	11,500,905	8,113,260
Altoona, Pa.	2,797,879	1,695,168	1,785,136
Atlantic City, N. J.	3,132,873	1,220,753	2,153,148

	10 MONTHS 1956	10 MONTHS 1955	10 MONTHS 1954
Middle Atl. (Cont.)			
Auburn, N. Y.	$3,304,546	$2,015,332	$1,723,740
Bayonne, N. J.	1,437,615	1,860,757	1,424,484
Binghamton, N. Y.	2,805,094	4,299,398	3,573,326
Buffalo, N. Y.	20,101,400	20,172,839	18,900,259
Camden, N. J.	8,626,112	7,582,571	5,910,403
East Orange, N. J.	5,377,387	2,730,771	2,441,437
Elizabeth, N. J.	5,480,495	3,446,012	4,900,033
Elmira, N. J.	1,352,824	1,809,665	2,839,492
Erie, Pa.	10,830,733	14,093,038	13,858,582
Harrisburg, Pa.	6,118,271	10,249,078	15,012,854
Jamestown, N. Y.	2,655,420	5,474,802	2,457,653
Jersey City, N. J.	8,473,002	5,135,125	2,793,300
Lancaster, Pa.	4,927,602	3,160,694	4,139,768
Mount Vernon, N. Y.	4,141,414	4,618,818	2,423,736
Newark, N. J.	21,239,511	12,799,829	26,369,325
New Brunswick, N. J.	2,569,518	5,887,062	2,074,064
New Rochelle, N. Y.	7,219,941	19,674,952	11,448,162
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	9,406,060	7,779,248	9,750,094
Philadelphia, Pa.	121,396,398	123,186,340	122,761,540
Pittsburgh, Pa.	30,641,251	51,404,588	29,714,386
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	3,701,530	3,003,695	1,578,127
Reading, Pa.	6,625,510	5,804,290	4,206,775
Rochester, N. Y.	13,962,820	14,124,475	14,614,205
Schenectady, N. Y.	4,185,049	2,904,560	3,913,246
Scranton, Pa.	3,765,808	2,975,814	2,105,554
Syracuse, N. Y.	18,340,908	16,965,495	13,118,679
Troy, N. Y.	1,782,842	1,440,941	1,278,989
Utica, N. Y.	4,423,577	3,534,670	2,615,205
Watertown, N. Y.	1,958,277	1,270,326	707,896
White Plains, N. Y.	12,040,451	6,734,276	5,028,613
Wilkes Barre, Pa.	1,681,964	2,067,527	2,542,088
Williamsport, Pa.	1,989,577	1,318,976	1,573,100
Wilmington, Dela.	5,794,848	10,100,358	7,542,245
Yonkers, N. Y.	33,469,080	16,031,987	10,489,886
York, Pa.	1,627,487	2,383,353	3,283,128
Total Middle Atl.	$1,160,542,419	$993,710,393	$838,816,373
South Atlantic:			
Asheville, N. C.	$5,804,624	$3,151,565	$3,161,267
Atlanta, Ga.	50,043,137	69,556,022	73,500,044
Augusta, Ga.	4,189,824	4,983,092	3,538,038
Baltimore, Md.	68,778,502	92,619,284	79,004,752
Charleston, S. C.	2,852,990	2,839,506	2,709,967
Charlotte, N. C.	23,977,276	24,192,918	19,370,438
Coral Gables, Fla.	9,478,600	12,831,517	11,832,993
Greensboro, N. C.	12,509,943	9,901,926	9,417,630
Greenville, S. C.	5,217,718	6,445,070	6,937,374
Jacksonville, Fla.	15,143,714	22,189,943	37,542,988
Lynchburg, Va.	8,068,312	8,696,143	8,427,997
Macon, Ga.	5,235,055	2,275,881	8,207,423
Miami, Fla.	45,536,025	41,392,009	40,229,447
Miami Beach, Fla.	15,028,426	22,129,571	17,077,091
Norfolk, Va.	21,614,558	11,623,068	11,523,164

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

10 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	10 MONTHS 1956	10 MONTHS 1955	10 MONTHS 1954
South Atl. (Cont.)			
Richmond, Va.	$22,823,189	$18,481,106	$26,367,183
Roanoke, Va.	18,084,437	11,745,143	10,070,364
Savannah, Ga.	3,876,308	4,612,184	8,751,644
Tampa, Fla.	41,550,926	43,602,570	33,597,746
Washington, D. C.	53,657,211	64,052,741	47,132,037
Winston Salem, N. C.	13,963,983	10,243,598	11,021,888
Total South Atl.	$447,434,758	$487,566,857	$469,422,075
East Central:			
Akron, Ohio	$37,869,211	$29,666,004	$25,829,230
Bay City, Mich.	4,685,921	4,439,856	3,594,972
Berwyn, Ills.	3,424,069	6,556,337	3,845,584
Bluefield, W. Va.	1,095,361	1,243,123	807,200
Canton, Ohio	7,101,966	6,692,213	5,831,793
Chicago, Ills.	281,364,365	225,033,289	193,418,450
Cincinnati, Ohio	52,901,670	41,131,760	46,200,040
Clarksburg, W. Va.	1,697,827	1,638,242	1,790,227
Cleveland, Ohio	81,177,800	64,005,000	55,277,700
Columbus, Ohio	52,255,590	39,244,760	38,604,015
Dayton, Ohio	20,882,431	33,322,548	17,001,472
Detroit, Mich.	98,585,539	124,891,423	110,517,061
East St. Louis, Ills	5,222,857	3,708,846	3,079,570
Evanston, Ills.	13,778,398	12,880,434	11,098,501
Evansville, Ind.	7,361,659	4,694,024	5,505,721
Flint, Mich.	25,608,220	31,038,560	27,587,680
Fort Wayne, Ind.	14,564,143	12,174,554	17,155,340
Gary, Ind.	18,482,723	20,843,181	22,051,802
Grand Rapids, Mich.	8,163,220	11,280,020	10,257,966
Green Bay Wis.	11,792,647	14,260,415	9,156,916
Hammond, Ind.	14,660,663	15,030,052	12,533,388
Huntington, W. Va.	4,457,936	5,439,072	6,564,911
Indianapolis, Ind.	44,871,654	31,281,625	32,835,722
Lansing, Mich.	11,782,968	13,739,697	9,182,397
Lima, Ohio	3,101,618	3,002,270	2,038,675
Louisville, Ky.	30,990,743	29,142,661	24,418,089
Madison, Wis.	10,606,297	15,051,570	10,139,113
Milwaukee, Wis.	92,221,587	74,999,422	85,252,823
Newark, Ohio	4,488,995	4,733,880	2,830,130
Oak Park, Ills.	3,389,177	3,122,564	3,234,964
Peoria, Ills.	10,127,566	12,022,003	5,891,201
Pontiac, Mich.	7,141,607	8,358,934	8,351,065
Quincy, Ills.	3,314,059	6,529,217	2,805,256
Racine, Wis.	11,584,077	10,923,039	7,610,353
Rockford, Ills.	18,094,365	17,225,475	12,735,845
Saginaw, Mich.	7,579,507	7,489,743	9,049,007
South Bend, Ind.	17,956,686	14,712,325	13,364,404
Springfield, Ills.	10,978,754	4,546,808	11,835,620
Springfield, Ohio	3,636,625	2,990,785	2,277,053
Superior, Wis.	2,493,309	1,151,102	1,628,196
Terre Haute, Ind.	2,358,533	3,279,515	3,340,885
Toledo, Ohio	17,115,635	21,680,520	13,901,776
Waukegan, Ills.	11,322,510	7,715,728	10,861,890
Wheeling, W. Va.	4,116,747	9,426,710	4,834,950
Youngstown, Ohio	18,811,640	16,688,249	14,680,079
Zanesville, Ohio	708,955	665,419	374,903
Total East Central	$1,115,927,830	$1,029,692,974	$921,183,935
South Central:			
Abilene, Texas	$19,703,520	$17,099,728	$12,523,390
Amarillo, Texas	17,002,921	18,928,923	15,783,645
Austin, Texas	41,167,784	36,460,198	38,559,670
Beaumont, Texas	14,529,848	7,772,433	7,947,816
Birmingham, Ala.	32,190,117	32,907,329	24,076,061
Chattanooga, Tenn.	10,346,080	5,735,008	7,912,414
Dallas, Texas	119,760,824	148,191,527	119,907,586
El Paso, Texas	23,987,835	29,919,472	24,527,438
Fort Smith, Ark.	4,630,491	3,825,345	3,810,935
Fort Worth, Texas	37,751,124	52,052,387	39,357,899
Galveston, Texas	3,763,238	4,375,282	6,830,016
Houston, Texas	132,179,066	123,246,808	140,598,908
Jackson, Miss.	12,661,312	12,079,064	13,955,847
Knoxville, Tenn.	10,920,569	8,619,557	10,730,788
Little Rock, Ark.	8,192,094	10,435,243	14,906,980
Memphis, Tenn.	33,912,688	40,331,110	42,331,308
South Cent. (Cont.)			
Mobile, Ala.	$14,396,862	$13,104,638	$11,611,992
Montgomery, Ala.	11,548,510	13,884,969	17,303,074
Muskogee, Okla.	3,084,225	1,470,984	778,213
Nashville, Tenn.	19,041,818	16,240,613	8,724,038
New Orleans, La.	73,668,260	86,224,416	46,340,530
Oklahoma City, Okla.	35,912,457	39,543,642	41,581,278
Port Arthur, Texas	4,496,693	4,717,275	3,241,321
San Angelo, Texas	5,380,618	7,044,840	6,350,079
San Antonio, Texas	52,730,701	50,992,720	43,894,601
Shreveport, La.	24,087,574	31,438,266	23,792,264
Tulsa, Okla.	17,850,483	21,274,852	16,616,505
Waco, Texas	14,713,310	12,394,679	12,663,466
Wichita Falls, Texas	8,831,035	11,235,782	9,182,143
Total South Cent.	$808,442,057	$861,547,090	$765,841,205
West Central:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	$15,161,760	$13,665,213	$10,033,132
Davenport, Iowa	9,243,791	10,782,138	8,756,481
Des Moines, Iowa	24,750,801	27,231,251	18,205,557
Dubuque, Iowa	5,007,286	6,154,657	2,458,247
Duluth, Minn.	10,231,767	7,634,951	5,294,696
Fargo, N. D.	6,535,090	9,496,176	5,173,616
Kansas City, Kas.	6,116,835	8,932,790	10,074,275
Kansas City, Mo.	44,854,000	56,787,000	44,999,000
Lincoln, Neb.	13,468,968	18,908,470	11,947,645
Minneapolis, Minn.	31,221,905	40,440,994	28,900,628
Omaha, Neb.	33,965,065	21,227,494	21,800,227
St. Joseph, Mo.	3,247,736	6,348,546	2,885,246
St. Louis, Mo.	33,493,031	42,921,455	56,068,581
St. Paul, Minn.	37,229,676	34,354,813	33,447,135
Sioux City, Iowa	4,895,637	5,296,525	4,955,139
Sioux Falls, S. D.	9,471,668	11,451,056	9,231,007
Topeka, Kas.	8,247,270	27,694,956	8,805,272
Wichita, Kas.	28,563,014	39,522,755	33,876,486
Total West Central	$325,705,300	$388,851,240	$316,912,370
Mountain:			
Albuquerque, N. M.	$24,410,723	$37,272,097	$27,742,364
Billings, Mont.	8,289,280	7,562,540	7,678,320
Boise, Idaho	3,659,423	5,033,324	4,374,591
Butte, Mont.	820,395	986,103	1,044,964
Colorado Springs, Col.	13,045,306	20,104,527	11,362,490
Denver, Col.	84,538,795	86,061,423	83,271,478
Great Falls, Mont.	7,076,286	6,927,744	3,557,874
Ogden, Utah	8,188,700	9,413,375	6,628,300
Phoenix, Ariz.	31,575,392	16,821,443	16,165,728
Pueblo, Col.	8,523,692	17,370,647	6,707,223
Salt Lake City, U.	23,956,791	17,989,537	18,275,526
Tucson, Ariz.	20,608,656	9,901,518	7,071,964
Total Mountain	$234,693,439	$235,444,278	$193,880,822
Pacific:			
Bakersfield, Cal.	$16,522,125	$8,692,402	$23,805,685
Berkeley, Cal.	10,494,225	8,589,121	6,448,189
Beverly Hills, Cal.	11,023,946	8,826,876	8,817,477
Fresno, Cal.	13,864,041	25,805,358	19,009,944
Glendale, Cal.	14,964,170	12,849,664	13,793,592
Long Beach, Cal.	47,664,510	54,492,105	35,654,865
Los Angeles, Cal.	404,996,253	373,736,475	338,261,526
Oakland, Cal.	33,398,974	26,678,093	18,990,930
Pasadena, Cal.	19,221,757	19,857,589	14,408,840
Portland, Ore.	39,034,805	43,103,780	44,161,130
Sacramento, Cal.	32,117,840	22,364,995	23,342,181
San Diego, Cal.	85,312,176	72,743,402	59,952,574
San Francisco, Cal.	54,584,498	52,852,847	49,675,109
San Jose, Cal.	47,335,047	34,065,194	16,125,175
Seattle, Wash.	71,124,615	62,820,235	65,922,695
Spokane, Wash.	26,897,969	24,821,599	32,378,223
Stockton, Cal.	10,949,095	14,247,582	8,116,204
Tacoma, Wash.	16,770,872	12,608,106	14,910,900
Total Pacific	$956,276,918	$879,155,423	$793,775,239
Total 217 Cities	$5,321,127,127	$5,144,338,967	$4,505,434,557

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1954 TO DATE

	TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES			NEW YORK CITY			OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
Jan.	$431,357,658	$406,628,525	$345,352,829	$61,735,949	$49,423,105	$32,068,684	$369,621,709	$357,205,420	$313,284,145
Feb.	437,622,349	442,092,367	345,986,529	89,172,555	47,687,734	51,047,477	348,449,794	394,404,633	294,939,052
Mar.	503,133,253	542,997,099	512,663,611	52,512,472	59,577,583	99,045,726	450,620,781	483,419,516	413,617,885
Apr.	524,093,168	521,173,029	489,888,868	33,453,589	49,939,864	55,063,895	490,639,579	471,233,165	434,824,973
May	596,114,034	565,327,637	435,015,419	70,889,351	65,782,634	35,373,510	525,224,683	499,545,003	399,641,909
June	558,856,212	634,030,839	523,169,936	50,349,355	99,080,484	39,149,744	508,506,857	534,950,355	484,020,192
July	593,229,352	511,841,797	448,439,021	95,455,909	51,383,412	40,301,251	497,773,443	460,458,385	408,137,770
Aug.	615,258,760	555,829,122	459,157,830	114,957,757	41,436,766	30,841,192	500,301,003	514,392,356	428,316,638
Sept.	526,234,213	477,025,801	482,032,488	96,679,762	58,177,460	47,413,380	429,554,451	418,848,341	434,619,108
Oct.	535,228,128	487,392,751	463,728,026	72,251,619	44,087,975	30,760,116	462,976,509	443,304,776	432,967,910
Nov.	.....	429,366,384	427,879,197	.....	55,764,815	45,195,814	.....	373,601,569	382,683,383
Dec.	.....	349,091,618	408,940,808	.....	45,121,585	40,309,360	.....	303,970,033	368,631,448
Total	.....	$5,922,796,969	$5,342,254,562	.....	$667,463,417	$546,570,149	.....	$5,255,333,552	$4,795,684,413

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

	OCT. 1956	SEPT. 1956	AUG. 1956	OCT. 1955	TEN MONTHS 1956	TEN MONTHS 1955	TEN MONTHS 1954	TEN MONTHS 1953
NEW ENGLAND								
Maine	39	34	31	46	429	446	320	348
New Hampshire	41	29	53	31	396	349	308	298
Vermont	18	10	13	14	201	177	145	170
Massachusetts	314	315	358	308	3,383	3,247	2,863	2,852
Connecticut	202	175	204	173	2,046	1,912	1,567	1,448
Rhode Island	91	81	86	96	943	906	714	616
Total New England	705	644	745	668	7,398	7,037	5,917	5,732
MIDDLE ATLANTIC								
New York	2,308	1,706	2,058	2,236	23,281	23,853	20,973	19,079
New Jersey	580	558	680	641	7,542	7,090	5,970	5,635
Pennsylvania	392	335	370	344	4,000	3,805	3,198	2,932
Total Middle Atlantic	3,380	2,599	3,108	3,221	34,823	34,748	30,141	27,646
EAST NORTH CENTRAL								
Ohio	622	592	654	592	7,103	6,734	5,441	5,129
Indiana	205	179	186	148	1,891	1,773	1,486	1,432
Illinois	590	432	516	587	5,976	5,318	4,369	4,228
Michigan	346	258	359	362	3,834	3,923	3,362	2,681
Wisconsin	160	151	161	142	1,979	1,797	1,394	1,173
Total East North Central	1,923	1,612	1,876	1,831	20,783	19,545	16,052	14,643
WEST NORTH CENTRAL								
Minnesota	114	123	147	110	1,369	1,495	1,243	1,106
Iowa	46	41	58	55	636	628	467	412
Missouri	176	139	175	189	1,930	2,043	1,646	1,625
North Dakota	10	22	15	12	184	159	126	170
South Dakota	19	10	14	35	171	246	179	183
Nebraska	53	38	40	43	509	496	395	307
Kansas	58	45	64	60	682	886	641	471
Total West North Central	476	418	513	504	5,481	5,953	4,697	4,274
SOUTH ATLANTIC								
Maryland	242	200	223	172	2,227	2,195	1,926	1,744
Delaware	264	240	261	273	2,767	3,073	2,494	2,356
Virginia	151	151	184	134	1,849	1,611	1,436	1,328
West Virginia	48	58	59	69	625	608	571	520
North Carolina	153	112	120	117	1,548	1,507	1,237	1,166
South Carolina	71	52	69	65	819	743	616	571
Georgia	163	158	159	145	1,811	1,738	1,402	1,121
Florida	846	674	734	565	7,357	6,202	4,566	4,149
Total South Atlantic	1,938	1,645	1,809	1,540	19,003	17,677	14,248	12,955
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Kentucky	108	99	102	95	999	996	666	604
Tennessee	122	116	144	91	1,242	1,266	1,045	997
Alabama	81	76	91	104	944	883	663	567
Mississippi	43	52	33	46	565	533	418	362
Total East South Central	354	343	370	336	3,750	3,678	2,792	2,530
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Arkansas	40	55	50	57	586	483	348	382
Oklahoma	114	113	121	93	1,221	1,277	1,022	844
Louisiana	144	152	130	125	1,554	1,360	973	903
Texas	573	409	563	434	5,348	4,818	3,459	3,180
Total West South Central	871	729	864	709	8,709	7,938	5,802	5,309
MOUNTAIN								
Montana	28	21	33	46	289	339	276	263
Idaho	23	27	33	25	355	360	283	273
Wyoming	13	19	14	17	210	240	222	157
Colorado	139	121	142	156	1,495	1,774	1,221	822
New Mexico	35	31	36	38	369	401	302	262
Arizona	105	118	128	96	1,206	1,015	873	639
Utah	46	39	57	36	478	627	548	342
Nevada	80	60	78	86	872	1,291	874	729
Total Mountain	469	436	521	500	5,274	6,047	4,599	3,487
PACIFIC								
Washington	127	90	130	120	1,361	1,648	1,157	1,061
Oregon	80	79	102	89	941	999	735	712
California	1,223	988	1,301	1,180	12,715	12,685	9,308	8,012
Total Pacific	1,430	1,157	1,533	1,389	15,017	15,332	11,200	9,785
TOTAL 48 STATES	11,546	9,583	11,339	10,698	120,238	117,955	95,448	86,361

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—1946 to Date

	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
January	13,363	13,181	9,543	9,468	8,357	8,515	9,070	7,906	11,000	12,112	13,006
February	12,503	11,369	8,533	7,943	7,138	6,590	7,736	6,362	7,873	9,111	10,554
March	12,822	13,417	10,514	9,659	7,902	7,649	9,180	7,637	9,346	10,247	12,225
April	12,475	11,756	10,272	9,507	8,284	7,653	8,375	7,273	9,223	9,802	12,469
May	13,142	12,029	9,280	8,968	7,915	7,544	9,216	7,445	8,246	9,179	12,044
June	11,952	12,605	9,748	8,926	7,819	6,810	8,861	7,260	8,550	8,922	11,402
July	11,513	10,893	9,409	8,703	7,549	6,428	7,191	6,424	7,690	9,041	11,987
August	11,339	10,983	9,041	7,487	7,088	6,496	7,201	6,828	6,723	8,055	10,400
September	9,583	11,024	9,256	7,433	7,529	5,950	6,277	6,867	6,930	8,561	9,551
October	11,546	10,698	9,852	8,267	8,223	6,812	6,782	6,877	6,686	9,609	10,799
November	.....	10,157	9,735	7,269	6,741	6,289	6,256	6,755	6,413	7,873	8,485
December	.....	11,539	11,981	8,915	8,274	6,913	6,780	7,857	7,421	10,126	9,994
Total	.....	139,651	117,164	102,545	92,819	83,649	92,925	85,491	96,101	112,638	132,916

Failures by Divisions of Industry—October and 10 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	Number of Failures						Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars					
	Month of October			Ten Months			Month of October			Ten Months		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
Mining & Manufacturing:												
Mining-Coal, Oil, Miscellaneous	1	3	1	33	44	37	83	756	95	7,273	4,273	7,864
Food & Kindred Products	10	19	19	161	139	150	196	797	716	9,110	12,622	14,580
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	52	40	46	479	416	454	2,990	2,775	1,856	30,114	20,928	23,752
Lumber & Lumber Products	35	25	35	332	264	282	3,929	1,470	1,108	20,864	11,433	13,067
Paper, Printing & Publishing	11	15	8	106	95	106	408	784	178	7,043	3,768	8,344
Chemicals & Allied Products	7	4	3	53	43	64	636	165	105	12,257	3,156	4,886
Leather & Leather Products	5	6	5	71	75	83	348	172	387	4,155	4,257	5,894
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2	4	6	31	42	48	207	128	386	4,678	1,680	1,631
Iron, Steel & Products	14	9	10	111	98	97	1,246	386	318	10,429	10,674	9,271
Machinery	26	19	23	232	235	248	4,994	932	809	27,766	32,808	35,487
Transportation Equipment	6	2	2	47	40	42	269	70	129	3,323	3,912	4,797
Miscellaneous	29	34	31	291	324	288	2,039	1,972	1,460	20,699	21,774	16,086
Total Mining & Manufacturing	198	180	189	1,947	1,815	1,899	17,345	10,407	7,547	157,731	131,285	145,659
Wholesale Trade:												
Food & Farm Products	30	11	23	248	231	242	1,289	432	978	10,987	10,295	11,435
Apparel	5	6	2	45	55	39	271	234	40	2,116	2,025	1,055
Dry Goods	3	2	3	40	41	52	199	77	31	1,274	1,386	2,213
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	11	10	9	132	111	93	765	267	208	17,123	5,479	4,137
Chemicals & Drugs	3	4	5	39	32	37	40	118	136	1,206	1,065	772
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment	7	6	4	58	60	48	487	385	104	3,417	1,707	1,718
Miscellaneous	53	46	45	479	446	437	2,466	903	1,426	29,225	19,790	23,145
Total Wholesale Trade	112	85	91	1,041	976	948	5,517	2,416	2,923	65,348	41,747	44,475
Retail Trade:												
Food & Liquor	104	100	92	914	885	832	1,687	2,339	1,433	15,347	15,462	12,013
General Merchandise	21	16	18	237	162	159	337	186	312	8,528	4,498	6,452
Apparel & Accessories	114	60	46	1,028	718	675	2,572	1,125	617	26,307	14,114	12,806
Furniture, Home Furnishings	74	55	54	665	616	785	2,114	1,070	1,987	22,281	17,461	39,064
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	50	39	23	332	269	254	1,454	1,995	1,232	9,732	8,640	7,950
Automotive Group	59	48	49	600	440	508	1,065	820	1,111	18,640	9,752	18,756
Eating & Drinking Places	99	74	80	966	807	817	1,803	1,447	1,340	19,762	16,761	15,542
Drug Stores	13	8	12	137	104	131	188	74	1,363	2,890	2,182	3,977
Miscellaneous	50	37	40	508	472	427	1,148	530	2,450	10,139	9,348	9,938
Total Retail Trade	584	437	414	5,387	4,473	4,588	12,368	9,586	11,845	133,626	99,218	126,498
Construction:												
General Building Contractors	75	41	38	560	361	375	6,312	2,808	1,691	44,700	31,071	22,327
Building Sub-Contractors	100	88	66	843	712	645	3,457	5,419	2,408	32,421	27,704	19,004
Other Contractors	7	7	5	77	62	45	1,376	486	634	4,434	7,319	2,713
Total Construction	182	136	109	1,480	1,135	1,065	11,145	8,713	4,733	81,555	66,094	44,044
Commercial Service:												
Passenger & Freight Transportation	29	26	25	249	213	248	915	722	899	10,830	11,120	12,894
Miscellaneous Public Services	2	2	..	29	23	30	1,090	75	..	3,416	3,799	1,379
Hotels	5	6	..	56	35	28	401	2,128	..	10,923	5,747	1,977
Cleaning, Dyeing & Repairing	5	8	4	84	82	90	395	102	105	1,835	1,098	1,530
Laundries	3	8	7	48	44	33	72	238	323	1,140	1,136	974
Undertakers	1	..	2	6	6	3	16	..	17	42	328	27
Other Personal Services	7	3	5	67	48	47	257	15	54	953	435	621
Business & Repair Services	30	28	25	311	266	257	483	375	554	5,133	3,947	7,380
Total Commercial Service	82	81	68	850	717	736	3,629	3,655	1,952	34,272	27,610	26,782
TOTAL UNITED STATES	1,158	919	871	10,705	9,116	9,236	50,004	34,777	29,000	472,532	364,954	387,458

Failures in Large Cities—October and 10 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

Cities (1940 Population Ranking)	Number of Failures						Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars					
	Month of October			Ten Months			Month of October			Ten Months		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
New York, N. Y.	165	172	167	1,786	1,784	1,933	7,035	6,424	5,980	74,885	60,635	72,520
Chicago, Ills.	32	17	18	230	231	254	926	583	224	16,856	10,595	29,221
Philadelphia, Pa.	33	27	23	250	192	173	835	856	1,343	9,566	6,137	7,090
Detroit, Mich.	25	5	7	142	80	62	572	96	499	6,318	7,275	4,869
Los Angeles, Cal.	30	31	23	304	311	390	1,897	629	623	11,687	11,237	13,377
Cleveland, Ohio	6	7	6	104	79	84	145	104	156	3,876	3,358	2,811
Baltimore, Md.	3	5	5	81	97	108	38	83	73	3,010	2,894	2,938
St. Louis, Mo.	2	3	1	39	26	17	62	202	60	11,693	719	1,091
Boston, Mass.	8	10	13	87	127	89	726	233	587	7,857	5,701	3,284
Pittsburgh, Pa.	11	5	6	52	41	60	382	105	140	3,407	2,447	2,342
Washington, D. C.	4	2	3	44	34	53	180	70	148	1,131	6,753	4,371
San Francisco, Cal.	12	6	13	136	138	146	168	121	298	3,743	4,692	5,395
Milwaukee, Wisc.	9	8	8	87	117	69	438	129	308	2,192	2,409	2,076
Buffalo, N. Y.	6	2	4	43	48	42	259	88	202	4,598	2,312	1,258
New Orleans, La.	6	1	2	41	27	19	468	29	15	2,225	1,363	525
Minneapolis, Minn.	3	5	3	35	45	35	92	51	44	1,934	1,626	1,945
Cincinnati, Ohio	5	2	4	46	22	34	126	62	30	1,553	856	1,390
Newark, N. J.	5	10	4	75	74	56	150	2,994	123	3,807	6,192	2,270
Kansas City, Mo.	..	1	4	24	11	33	..	19	133	1,697	574	1,259
Indianapolis, Ind.	1	4	5	10	16	35	8	1,054	362	178	1,399	1,694
Houston, Texas	4	1	1	27	27	32	113	20	21	2,918	1,313	1,611
Seattle, Wash.	9	5	5	88	61	50	379	180	86	2,903	2,076	1,151
Rochester, N. Y.	9	4	6	53	36	39	166	364	133	3,893	806	1,027
Louisville, Ky.	1	1	1	22	12	7	160	25	36	845	565	399
Denver, Col.	11	7	4	76	41	34	332	179	168	2,249	1,607	1,353
Total 25 Cities	400	341	336	3,882	3,677	3,854	15,657	14,700	11,792	187,023	145,541	167,267
Balance of Country	758	578	535	6,823	5,439	5,382	34,347	20,077	17,208	285,509	219,413	220,191
Total United States	1,158	919	871	10,705	9,116	9,236	50,004	34,777	29,000	472,532	364,954	387,458

United States Failures by States—October and 10 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	Number of Failures						Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars					
	Month of October			Ten Months			Month of October			Ten Months		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
New England:												
Maine	3	3	2	22	30	38	76	149	18	527	1,089	1,183
New Hampshire	3	..	1	15	23	19	83	..	11	555	1,075	792
Vermont	4	..	..	12	6	6	42	...	..	1,853	394	105
Massachusetts	22	31	30	290	348	304	1,125	1,411	1,292	16,587	19,842	12,229
Connecticut	16	12	18	129	139	144	290	234	313	5,190	4,343	8,109
Rhode Island	13	7	9	135	92	93	868	139	170	6,925	4,384	3,460
Total New England	61	53	60	603	638	604	2,484	1,933	1,804	31,637	31,127	25,878
Middle Atlantic:												
New York	250	213	204	2,463	2,277	2,381	11,738	7,655	8,108	107,204	80,077	89,270
New Jersey	45	38	31	487	379	327	2,458	4,459	1,064	26,384	26,479	17,155
Pennsylvania	86	50	60	614	456	438	2,699	1,954	2,067	27,383	17,800	23,326
Total Middle Atlantic	381	301	295	3,564	3,112	3,146	16,895	14,068	11,239	160,971	124,356	129,751
East North Central:												
Ohio	35	33	25	434	324	329	1,416	764	494	18,973	10,997	11,647
Indiana	2	11	14	69	84	119	108	1,179	504	3,836	4,511	4,418
Illinois	53	34	30	386	366	383	1,885	956	822	24,659	15,018	35,288
Michigan	40	9	25	334	174	178	1,065	178	939	15,202	12,172	9,849
Wisconsin	23	26	36	221	290	188	635	641	838	5,752	7,049	5,519
Total East North Central	153	113	130	1,444	1,238	1,197	5,109	3,718	3,597	68,422	49,747	66,721
West North Central:												
Minnesota	11	16	4	117	112	87	337	577	52	3,923	6,257	3,964
Iowa	6	6	5	71	47	43	864	275	144	2,987	1,822	2,194
Missouri	6	7	11	94	64	85	205	251	271	14,643	2,125	3,221
North Dakota	1	..	3	11	3	5	36	..	29	366	453	322
South Dakota	2	..	..	10	4	2	95	..	..	262	97	68
Nebraska	7	3	5	33	17	32	279	45	116	1,337	2,309	984
Kansas	8	4	4	62	40	47	387	32	76	3,639	1,107	1,251
Total West North Central	41	36	32	398	287	301	2,203	1,180	688	27,157	14,170	12,004
South Atlantic:												
Maryland	8	7	8	134	119	148	130	113	206	6,232	3,509	4,262
Delaware	3	..	1	9	5	4	28	..	79	277	129	410
District of Columbia	4	2	3	44	34	53	180	70	149	1,131	6,751	4,371
Virginia	14	7	4	103	64	90	379	320	99	4,485	2,888	3,561
West Virginia	11	7	11	74	79	66	142	621	269	1,702	2,938	1,755
North Carolina	13	3	5	104	47	65	407	72	266	3,772	2,873	4,669
South Carolina	10	10	4	65	48	47	347	150	137	1,325	1,908	5,561
Georgia	16	9	8	129	120	122	696	134	180	4,578	4,456	4,402
Florida	30	23	18	338	212	207	564	673	1,036	8,170	10,241	8,159
Total South Atlantic	109	68	62	1,000	728	802	2,873	2,153	2,421	31,672	35,693	37,150
East South Central:												
Kentucky	2	3	7	52	35	33	191	148	446	2,053	1,443	1,317
Tennessee	16	15	5	140	104	74	944	547	89	6,730	8,049	2,505
Alabama	9	3	11	56	51	68	500	35	331	1,843	4,342	1,561
Mississippi	5	3	6	58	47	60	29	73	172	1,418	1,210	2,256
Total East South Central	32	24	29	306	237	235	1,664	803	1,038	12,044	15,044	7,639
West South Central:												
Arkansas	1	2	4	19	34	32	1	26	668	290	934	1,449
Oklahoma	9	5	4	59	41	38	1,088	142	40	3,484	1,411	1,160
Louisiana	12	3	5	121	66	81	590	59	94	4,870	2,451	3,909
Texas	41	23	12	278	171	209	2,542	1,497	563	27,485	7,870	12,759
Total West South Central	63	33	25	477	312	360	4,221	1,724	1,365	36,129	12,666	19,277
Mountain:												
Montana	..	2	3	25	15	10	..	7	50	623	217	194
Idaho	1	..	1	16	7	17	16	..	25	475	330	678
Wyoming	..	..	..	7	7	1	..	..	..	119	264	37
Colorado	21	14	5	120	59	48	906	368	194	3,678	2,682	1,952
New Mexico	2	..	1	23	15	20	20	..	134	663	1,522	723
Arizona	4	8	6	74	78	90	321	174	94	3,530	1,835	1,750
Utah	2	..	4	48	23	40	23	..	106	1,571	1,419	1,443
Nevada	3	3	7	43	26	34	191	2,014	93	8,094	2,411	1,012
Total Mountain	33	27	27	356	230	260	1,477	2,563	696	18,753	10,680	7,789
Pacific:												
Washington	37	27	16	261	178	141	1,417	634	308	7,711	5,239	3,865
Oregon	37	13	9	213	91	98	3,202	319	405	9,760	3,151	4,638
California	211	224	186	2,083	2,065	2,092	8,459	5,682	5,439	68,276	63,081	72,746
Total Pacific	285	264	211	2,557	2,334	2,331	13,078	6,635	6,152	85,747	71,471	81,249
Total United States	1,158	919	871	10,705	9,116	9,236	50,004	34,777	29,000	472,532	364,954	387,458

Canadian Failures by Provinces—October and 10 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	Number of Failures						Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars					
	Month of October			Ten Months			Month of October			Ten Months		
Canada:	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
Newfoundland	..	2	1	12	12	7	..	164	22	780	699	194
Prince Edward Island	..	..	..	2	3	1	..	..	..	20	507	27
Nova Scotia	1	..	..	5	5	14	89	..	..	333	659	373
New Brunswick	2	..	..	13	13	19	91	..	..	584	801	538
Quebec	61	63	62	576	653	651	1,768	1,373	2,055	16,042	14,137	20,826
Ontario	44	33	34	367	301	309	1,921	950	1,223	19,054	8,797	16,194
Manitoba	2	4	1	34	34	23	57	67	17	2,893	1,329	1,438
Saskatchewan	..	4	4	16	27	20	..	263	60	657	1,375	602
Alberta	1	..	5	15	8	36	12	..	86	698	251	1,973
British Columbia	2	4	1	51	65	52	27	62	38	2,397	1,380	2,574
Total Canada	113	110	108	1,091	1,121	1,132	3,965	2,879	3,501	43,458	29,935	44,739

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—October and 10 Months 1956 and 1955

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	OCTOBER 1956				TEN MONTHS 1956				TEN MONTHS 1955			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
MINING & MANUFACTURING....	198	100.0	17,345	17,630	1,947	100.0	157,731	160,345	1,815	100.0	131,285	132,934
Under $5,000.....	15	7.6	42	42	173	8.9	530	530	152	8.4	452	452
$5,000 to $25,000.....	70	35.4	857	857	778	40.0	9,477	9,477	743	41.0	9,603	9,603
$25,000 to $100,000.....	68	34.3	3,282	3,282	642	33.0	32,103	32,103	628	34.5	29,844	29,844
$100,000 to $1,000,000..	43	21.7	9,578	9,863	331	17.0	74,833	76,325	277	15.3	64,028	65,405
$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	1.0	3,586	3,586	23	1.1	40,788	41,910	15	0.8	27,358	27,630
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	112	100.0	5,517	5,517	1,041	100.0	65,348	65,920	976	100.0	41,747	41,827
Under $5,000.....	12	10.7	39	39	94	9.0	288	288	84	8.6	242	242
$5,000 to $25,000.....	46	41.1	592	592	437	42.0	5,660	5,660	453	46.4	6,031	6,031
$25,000 to $100,000.....	41	36.6	2,034	2,034	388	37.3	18,734	18,734	343	35.2	16,307	16,307
$100,000 to $1,000,000..	13	11.6	2,852	2,852	117	11.2	24,615	25,187	94	9.6	17,131	17,211
$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	5	0.5	16,051	16,051	2	0.2	2,036	2,036
RETAIL TRADE.....	584	100.0	12,368	12,368	5,387	100.0	133,626	133,907	4,473	100.0	98,218	99,449
Under $5,000.....	129	22.1	384	384	1,137	21.1	3,247	3,247	934	20.9	2,724	2,724
$5,000 to $25,000.....	323	55.3	3,879	3,879	2,885	53.6	34,125	34,125	2,489	55.6	29,761	29,761
$25,000 to $100,000.....	115	19.7	4,896	4,896	1,172	21.8	49,892	49,892	907	20.3	39,653	39,653
$100,000 to $1,000,000..	17	2.9	3,209	3,209	188	3.4	34,467	34,748	143	3.2	26,080	27,311
$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	5	0.1	11,895	11,895	..	..	..	..
CONSTRUCTION.....	182	100.0	11,145	11,199	1,480	100.0	81,555	83,039	1,135	100.0	66,094	66,229
Under $5,000.....	21	11.5	56	56	145	9.8	396	396	127	11.2	399	399
$5,000 to $25,000.....	80	44.0	1,076	1,076	633	42.8	8,387	8,387	506	44.6	6,840	6,840
$25,000 to $100,000.....	56	30.8	2,821	2,821	507	34.3	24,648	24,648	380	33.5	18,111	18,111
$100,000 to $1,000,000..	24	13.2	5,984	6,038	190	12.8	41,790	43,082	116	10.2	25,079	25,214
$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.5	1,208	1,208	5	0.3	6,334	6,526	6	0.5	15,665	15,665
COMMERCIAL SERVICE.....	82	100.0	3,629	3,629	850	100.0	34,272	34,312	717	100.0	27,610	27,610
Under $5,000.....	11	13.4	34	34	184	21.6	525	525	177	24.7	520	520
$5,000 to $25,000.....	41	50.0	561	561	440	51.8	5,376	5,376	348	48.5	4,243	4,243
$25,000 to $100,000.....	23	28.0	1,021	1,021	177	20.8	8,217	8,217	150	20.9	7,001	7,001
$100,000 to $1,000,000..	7	8.6	2,013	2,013	45	5.3	11,716	11,756	39	5.5	10,290	10,290
$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	4	0.5	8,438	8,438	3	0.4	5,556	5,556
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	1,158	100.0	50,004	50,343	10,705	100.0	472,532	477,523	9,116	100.0	364,954	368,049
Under $5,000.....	188	16.2	555	555	1,733	16.2	4,986	4,986	1,474	16.2	4,337	4,337
$5,000 to $25,000.....	560	48.3	6,965	6,965	5,173	48.3	63,025	63,025	4,539	49.8	56,478	56,478
$25,000 to $100,000.....	303	26.2	14,054	14,054	2,886	27.0	133,594	133,594	2,408	26.4	110,916	110,916
$100,000 to $1,000,000..	104	9.0	23,636	23,975	871	8.1	187,421	191,098	669	7.3	142,608	145,431
$1,000,000 and Over.....	3	0.3	4,794	4,794	42	0.4	83,506	84,820	26	0.3	50,615	50,887

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—October 1956

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

District:	MANUFACTURING		WHOLESALE TRADE		RETAIL TRADE		CONSTRUCTION		COMMERCIAL SERVICE		TOTAL UNITED STATES	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1)....	7	713	4	79	37	1,482	2	13	5	119	55	2,406
New York.....(2)....	75	7,082	26	1,780	152	2,743	24	990	15	1,163	292	13,758
Philadelphia.....(3)....	14	959	11	193	30	315	14	684	4	81	73	2,232
Cleveland.....(4)....	3	404	6	160	29	744	23	1,150	..	..	61	2,458
Richmond.....(5)....	6	319	8	204	34	717	10	231	2	115	60	1,586
Atlanta.....(6)....	7	638	5	279	43	851	17	624	1	15	73	2,407
Chicago.....(7)....	20	1,664	17	999	58	863	16	637	7	186	118	4,349
St. Louis.....(8)....	1	5	5	315	9	84	5	919	1	10	21	1,333
Minneapolis.....(9)....	2	68	2	75	10	263	1	65	2	26	17	497
Kansas City.....(10)....	4	525	4	132	31	1,057	8	1,001	2	30	49	2,745
Dallas.....(11)....	6	465	5	130	19	488	11	1,445	3	76	44	2,604
San Francisco.....(12)....	53	4,503	19	1,171	132	2,761	51	3,386	40	1,808	295	13,629
Total United States.....	198	17,345	112	5,517	584	12,368	182	11,145	82	3,629	1,158	50,004

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index*			
	1956	1955	1954	1953	1956	1955	1954	1953
January.....	47.9	42.9	39.4	28.2	46.1	40.9	36.8	26.4
February.....	50.9	45.6	47.9	35.6	43.5	38.6	40.9	30.4
March.....	49.6	44.0	46.7	32.2	46.4	41.1	43.6	29.8
April.....	45.2	39.7	42.9	30.3	42.2	36.8	39.7	28.1
May.....	51.3	43.7	43.1	31.5	48.9	41.6	41.0	30.0
June.....	48.7	40.2	42.5	35.4	49.2	40.6	42.9	35.8
July.....	46.4	39.1	37.6	31.3	49.9	42.0	40.4	33.7
August.....	46.5	37.4	40.1	30.3	51.7	41.6	44.1	33.7
September....	44.2	37.5	37.5	30.7	51.4	43.6	44.1	36.1
October.....	50.6	41.9	39.9	36.2	53.3	44.6	42.4	38.9
November.....	....	46.8	46.4	41.7	....	46.3	46.4	41.7
December.....	....	39.8	40.3	35.3	....	42.3	42.9	37.2
Mo. Average..	48.1	41.6	42.0	33.2	....	....	....	....

(*) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations, were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the Failure Record, have a special meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1954 to Date

1954	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Con-struction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January	867	192	22.2	79	9.1	450	51.9	86	9.9	60	6.9
February	926	207	22.3	87	9.4	449	48.5	109	11.8	74	8.0
March	1,102	198	17.9	123	11.2	551	50.0	143	13.0	87	7.9
April	975	200	20.5	82	8.4	535	54.9	92	9.4	66	6.8
May	943	200	21.2	91	9.6	460	48.8	111	11.8	81	8.6
June	965	208	21.6	89	9.2	455	47.1	132	13.7	81	8.4
July	856	165	19.3	99	11.6	417	48.7	95	11.1	80	9.3
August	912	187	20.5	94	10.3	451	49.4	100	11.0	80	8.8
September	819	153	18.7	113	13.8	406	49.6	88	10.7	59	7.2
October	871	189	21.7	91	10.5	414	47.5	109	12.5	68	7.8
November	933	179	19.2	86	9.2	490	52.5	110	11.8	68	7.3
December	917	204	22.2	98	10.7	413	45.0	130	14.2	72	7.9
Total Year	11,086	2,282	20.6	1,132	10.2	5,491	49.5	1,305	11.8	876	7.9
1955											
January	939	195	20.8	114	12.1	456	48.5	87	9.3	87	9.3
February	877	188	21.4	104	11.9	412	47.0	113	12.9	60	6.8
March	1,038	225	21.7	119	11.5	520	50.1	108	10.4	66	6.3
April	903	154	17.1	93	10.3	484	53.6	106	11.7	66	7.3
May	955	168	17.6	87	9.1	499	52.2	121	12.7	80	8.4
June	914	200	21.9	79	8.6	446	48.8	114	12.5	75	8.2
July	861	179	20.8	89	10.3	423	49.1	102	11.9	68	7.9
August	888	158	17.8	107	12.1	430	48.4	134	15.1	59	6.6
September	822	168	20.5	99	12.0	366	44.5	114	13.9	75	9.1
October	919	180	19.6	85	9.2	437	47.5	136	14.8	81	8.8
November	945	196	20.7	84	8.9	462	48.9	133	14.1	70	7.4
December	908	191	21.0	104	11.5	404	44.5	136	15.0	73	8.0
Total Year	10,969	2,202	20.1	1,164	10.6	5,339	48.7	1,404	12.8	860	7.8
1956											
January	1,048	209	19.9	106	10.1	535	51.1	126	12.0	72	6.9
February	1,024	202	19.7	108	10.5	511	49.9	141	13.8	62	6.1
March	1,170	224	19.2	122	10.4	572	48.9	150	12.8	102	8.7
April	985	186	18.9	92	9.4	463	47.0	153	15.5	91	9.2
May	1,164	245	21.1	118	10.1	575	49.4	132	11.3	94	8.1
June	1,105	183	16.5	115	10.4	551	49.9	163	14.8	93	8.4
July	1,018	165	16.2	85	8.4	540	53.0	141	13.9	87	8.5
August	1,101	195	17.7	98	8.9	567	51.5	146	13.3	95	8.6
September	932	140	15.0	85	9.1	489	52.5	146	15.7	72	7.7
October	1,158	198	17.1	112	9.7	584	50.4	182	15.7	92	7.1
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1954 to Date

1954	Total Number	Under $5,000	% of Total	$5,000 to $25,000	% of Total	$25,000 to $100,000	% of Total	$100,000 to $1,000,000	% of Total	$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January	867	134	15.5	427	49.2	249	28.7	55	6.3	2	0.3
February	926	119	12.8	458	49.5	271	29.3	73	7.9	5	0.5
March	1,102	144	13.1	558	50.6	296	26.9	102	9.2	2	0.2
April	975	148	15.2	514	52.7	242	24.8	67	6.9	4	0.4
May	943	149	15.8	482	51.1	243	25.8	66	7.0	3	0.3
June	965	119	12.3	497	51.5	268	27.8	78	8.1	3	0.3
July	856	123	14.4	457	53.4	208	24.3	68	7.9	..	..
August	912	138	15.1	472	51.8	232	25.4	70	7.7	..	..
September	819	121	14.8	400	48.8	231	28.2	63	7.7	4	0.5
October	871	150	17.2	447	51.3	220	25.3	53	6.1	1	0.1
November	933	143	15.3	491	52.6	236	25.3	60	6.5	3	0.3
December	917	152	16.6	437	47.6	250	27.3	74	8.1	4	0.4
Total Year	11,086	1,640	14.8	5,640	50.8	2,946	26.6	829	7.5	31	0.3
1955											
January	939	133	14.2	484	51.5	256	27.3	62	6.6	4	0.4
February	877	108	12.3	453	51.7	242	27.6	70	8.0	4	0.4
March	1,038	161	15.5	521	50.2	270	26.0	83	8.0	3	0.3
April	903	159	17.6	469	52.0	216	23.9	56	6.2	3	0.3
May	955	163	17.1	484	50.7	253	26.5	52	5.4	3	0.3
June	914	170	18.6	420	45.9	241	26.4	82	9.0	1	0.1
July	861	149	17.3	420	48.8	232	27.0	58	6.7	2	0.2
August	888	157	17.7	431	48.5	223	25.1	76	8.6	1	0.1
September	822	129	15.7	388	47.2	227	27.6	76	9.2	2	0.3
October	919	145	15.8	469	51.1	248	27.0	54	5.8	3	0.3
November	945	152	16.1	464	49.1	247	26.1	76	8.1	6	0.6
December	908	159	17.5	409	45.0	261	28.8	75	8.3	4	0.4
Total Year	10,969	1,785	16.3	5,412	49.3	2,916	26.6	820	7.5	36	0.3
1956											
January	1,048	178	17.0	490	46.7	303	28.9	73	7.0	4	0.4
February	1,024	159	15.5	468	45.7	282	27.5	110	10.8	5	0.5
March	1,170	184	15.7	594	50.8	303	25.9	86	7.3	3	0.3
April	985	137	13.9	489	49.7	279	28.3	76	7.7	4	0.4
May	1,164	194	16.7	579	49.7	278	23.9	109	9.4	4	0.3
June	1,105	193	17.5	505	45.7	322	29.1	81	7.3	4	0.4
July	1,018	175	17.2	486	47.7	302	29.7	50	4.9	5	0.5
August	1,101	198	18.0	515	46.8	269	24.4	111	10.1	8	0.7
September	932	127	13.6	487	52.3	245	26.3	71	7.6	2	0.2
October	1,158	188	16.2	560	48.3	303	26.2	104	9.0	3	0.3
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..